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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Robert Michael Roberts et al.

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
EARLY PREGNANCY DIAGNOSIS

Group Art Unit: 1643

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Kindly cancel claims 15-29 and 36-50.

**REMARKS**

The active claims in this case are claims 1-14, 30-35, and 51-181. Claims 15-29 and 36-50 are being canceled without prejudice to filing any continuation, continuation-in-part